

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL NECESSITY**

Must Have All, A, B, and C:

A. Diagnoses:

Must have one of the following DSM IV diagnoses, which will be the *primary* focus of the intervention being provided:

- Pervasive Developmental Disorders, except Autistic Disorder which is excluded.
- Attention Deficit and Disruptive Behavior Disorders
- Feeding & Eating Disorders of Infancy or Early Childhood
- Elimination Disorders
- Factitious Disorders
- Dissociative Disorders
- Paraphilias
- Gender Identity Disorders
- Eating Disorders
- Impulse-Control Disorders Not Elsewhere Classified
- Adjustment Disorders
- Personality Disorders, excluding Antisocial Personality Disorders
- Medication-Induced Movement Disorders
- Other Disorders of Infancy, Childhood, or Adolescence
- Schizophrenia and other Psychotic Disorders
- Mood Disorders
- Anxiety Disorders
- Somatoform Disorders

B. Impairment Criteria:

Must have *one* of the following as a result of the mental disorder (s) identified in the diagnostic (“A”), Must have 1, 2, or 3.

1. A Significant impairment in an important area of life functioning, or
2. A probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning or:
3. Children also qualify if there is a probability the child will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate. Children covered under EPSDT qualify if they have a mental disorder which can be corrected or ameliorated (current DHS EPSDT regulations also apply).

C. Intervention Related Criteria:

Must have *all* 1, 2, and 3 below:

1. The focus of proposed intervention is to address the condition identified in impairment criteria “B” above, and
2. It is expected the beneficiary will benefit from the proposed intervention by significantly diminishing the impairment, or preventing significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning, and/or for children it is probable the child will progress developmentally as individually appropriate (or if covered by EPSDT can be corrected or ameliorated), and
3. The condition would not be responsive to physical health care based treatment.

EPSDT beneficiaries with an included diagnosis and a substance related disorder may receive specialty mental health services directed at the substance use component. The intervention must be consistent with, and necessary to the attainment of the specialty MH treatment goals. A beneficiary may receive services for an included diagnosis when an excluded diagnosis is also present.

D. Excluded Diagnoses:

- Mental Retardation
- Learning Disorders
- Motor Skills Disorder
- Communication Disorders
- Autistic Disorder-Other pervasive Developmental Disorders are included
- Tic Disorders
- Delirium, Dementia, Amnestic and other Cognitive Disorders
- Mental Disorders; Due to a General Medical Condition
- Sexual Dysfunctions
- Sleep Disorders
- Antisocial Personality Disorder
- Other conditions That May Be a Focus of Clinical Attention, except Medication Induced Movement Disorders which are Included.

A beneficiary may receive services for an *included* diagnosis when an *excluded* diagnosis is also present.